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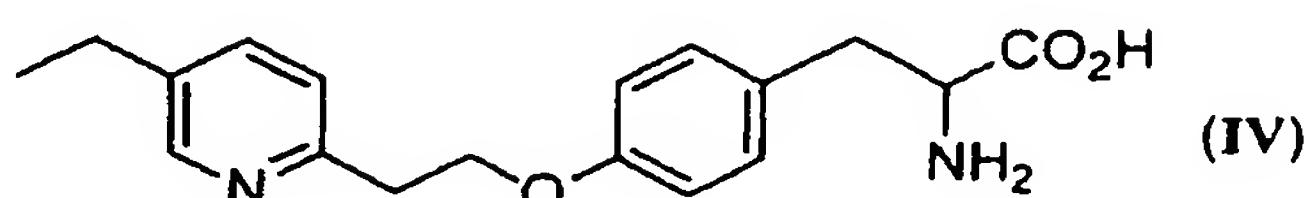
## TITLE

AN INTERMEDIATE THAT CAN BE USED FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
PIOGLITAZONE

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## ABSTRACT

10 The present invention relates to a novel compound  
of formula (IV)



15 which is an intermediate that can be used for the  
preparation of pioglitazone. It also relates to a  
method of obtaining the novel compound (IV) starting  
from the natural product L-tyrosine, in which the amino  
group is protected in the form of aromatic imino group,  
and a method of obtaining pioglitazone from the said  
intermediate.